

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus ~~connected through a network to a server for providing~~ managing a first service ~~and to a terminal for of distributing contents of a first terminal in real time according to a reservation made in advance by the first terminal, and, to a second terminal requesting the provision use of the first service and the provision use of a second service of providing a chat space,~~ comprising:

~~authentication means for~~ an authenticating unit to authenticate the second terminal by the use of authentication data used by the server to authenticate the second terminal; [[and]]

an acquiring unit configured to acquire reservation information, sent by the first terminal, to the information processing apparatus from a reservation data base in order to provide the first service;

a generation unit configured to generate the chat space corresponding to the reservation at a predetermined time prior to a distribution start time designated by the reservation; and,

a providing means for providing unit configured to provide the chat space to the first terminal and the second service for the terminal according to a result of authentication made by the authentication means designated to be distributed by the first terminal.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1,

wherein the first service is a service for distributing contents sent according to a reservation made in advance, to the second terminal in real time, and

the second service is a service for providing a chat space corresponding to the reservation for the second terminal.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus according to Claim 1,

wherein the first service is a service for providing the second terminal with a chat space corresponding to a reservation made in advance for distributing contents in real time, and

the second service is a service for distributing the contents to the second terminal in real time.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An information processing method for an information processing apparatus ~~connected through a network to a server for providing a first service and to a terminal for requesting the provision of the first service and the provision of a second service;~~ managing a first service of distributing contents of a first terminal in real time according to a reservation made in advance by the first terminal, and, to a second terminal requesting the use of the first service and the use of a second service of providing a chat space, comprising:

~~an authentication step of~~ authenticating the terminal by the use of authentication data used by the server to authenticate the terminal; [[and]]

generating the chat space corresponding to the reservation at a predetermined time prior to a distribution start time designated by the reservation; and,

~~a providing step of providing the chat space to the first terminal and the second service for the terminal according to a result of authentication made in the authentication step designated to be distributed by the first terminal.~~

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A recording medium storing a computer-readable program for an information processing apparatus ~~connected through a network to a server for providing a first service and to a terminal for requesting the provision of the first service and the provision of a second service, the program~~ managing a first service of distributing contents of a first terminal in real time according to a reservation made in advance by the first terminal, and, to a second terminal requesting the use of the first service and the use of a second service of providing a chat space, comprising:

~~an authentication step of authenticating the terminal by the use of authentication data used by the server to authenticate the terminal; [[and]]~~

generating the chat space corresponding to the reservation at a predetermined time prior to a distribution start time designated by the reservation; and,

~~a providing step of providing the chat space to the first terminal and the second service for the terminal according to a result of authentication made in the authentication step designated to be distributed by the first terminal.~~

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A ~~program for an information processing apparatus connected through a network to a server for providing a first service and to a terminal for requesting the provision of the first service and the provision of a second service, the program~~ making a computer execute processing computer readable carrier including computer program instructions to cause a computer to implement a method of managing a first service

of distributing contents of a first terminal in real time according to a reservation made in advance by the first terminal, and, to a second terminal requesting the use of the first service and the use of a second service of providing a chat space, comprising:

~~an authentication step of~~ authenticating the terminal by the use of authentication data used by the server to authenticate the terminal; [[and]]

generating the chat space corresponding to the reservation at a predetermined time prior to a distribution start time designated by the reservation; and,

~~a providing step of providing the~~ chat space to the first terminal and the second service for the terminal according to a result of authentication made in the authentication step designated to be distributed by the first terminal.